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FLAMES IN RAIL BOARD MEMBERS

MEXICO TO PAY UP HER BACK DEBTS

Lawrence Sees Good Effect in Pact With Bankers.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
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Washington, D. C., June 17.—Agreement between representatives of the Mexican government and the bankers' committee representing the investment interests of the United States is the most important in Mexican-American relations in 12 years.

It cannot but have a far-reaching effect on the whole Mexican situation. Not since the days of Diaz when the Mexican uprising first tore asunder the threads of Mexican finance and started an era of financial chaos has there been such optimism as today. For Mexico's decision to pay her back debts and resume interest payments is some evidence of the stability of the Obregon government that a score of protestations in the subject of capacity to govern and earn recognition.

Bankers Back Obregon.
Whether it is true or not that the financial interests in the last 12 years have been influential in directing the many governments which have been estranged from Mexico the truth is that the settlement reached by Finance Minister de la Huerta and Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan and company has been hailed by the international bankers who hold Mexican obligations, will have the effect of rousing the bankers on the side of the Obregon government in its bid for recognition.

The crux of the situation, of course, lies in Washington, for until the United States government makes up its mind to recognize the Obregon administration the rest of the governments of the world will withhold action. Similarly the extension of recognition by the United States will mean instantly the recognition by the rest of the world. Mexico's readiness to put her financial house in order naturally will make it difficult for the American government to delay recognition unduly, for after all the normal requirements are to maintain order and show a willingness to satisfy international obligations. There remains only one obstacle to recognition. It is the ambiguity of the Mexican constitution on the subject of land titles granted before the constitution was adopted. Mexico has insisted that the supreme court interpretations make it clear that the constitution does not affect contracts and titles prior to 1917.

The American government is not satisfied with the assurances given and wants an explicit statement that the effect to be embodied in a treaty. This the Mexicans have for one reason or another—mostly national pride—declined to do. But it is pointed out that the agreement on financial questions reached in New York involves questions on which Mexicans are far more sensitive than the making of a formal treaty.

Seek Moral Support.
The main object of recognition is to get the moral support of a government in a country where the agent reached in New York is the former—inevitably it must be of the extension to Mexico of financial aid the question of recognition will become academic. There is on the other hand little chance that Mexico will be given a loan until the United States government obtains the assurances it seeks. For American bankers have promised the department of state that no loans would be floated for the benefit of foreign countries until the government at Washington had an opportunity of interposing an objection. It seems certain that while the bankers are glad to have had the opportunity to clear up past indebtedness they will not immediately leap into the realm of larger financial actions for the future until they know the United States government intends to throw the full weight of its influence to the support of the Obregon government whose life will be short lived without financial aid as well as recognition.

MELLON DENIES DEMOCRATS ARE ON 'KEY' JOBS

Declares Treasury Is 'in Hands of Repubs.'

Washington, June 17.—Speculation was rife today as to what effect the memorial to President Harding by members of the house upholding the efforts of the treasury department to reorganize the internal revenue bureau might have on the outcome of his controversy with Commissioner Blair, who opposed the reorganization plan. The memorial, which came to light yesterday at the same time that another document, later characterized as "false" by Secretary Mellon, was circulated anonymously among members of congress charging that key positions in the treasury were largely held by Democrats, had not been presented to the president today and there was no indication of any definite plans for its presentation.

Memorial Is 'False.'
In a statement endorsed by President Harding, Secretary Mellon yesterday characterized as "false" and "the product of selfishly ambitious employees" the document circulated with the memorial and which listed almost 150 offices as key positions said to be held by Democrats, many of whom, it was charged, were disloyal to the present administration. The treasury secretary's statement asserted that the administration of the treasury "was in the hands of Republicans and governed by Republican policies," said that where Democrats had been held in office, it was "because of their qualifications."

Commissioner Blair still continued to decline to discuss the memorial to the president or the treasury situation today and Mr. Mellon had not returned from New York.

UNION TO TEST COURT RULING

Printers' Council Sues Company for Misuse of Label: Parallels Coronado Case.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 17.—A suit which is expected to put to the test the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the Coronado mine case, which held that trade unions may sue and be sued, has been filed in the superior court here.

The action is by Edwin L. Hutchins, individually and as president of the Allied Printing Trades Council of Cincinnati, and on behalf of the union and its members against the United States Printing and Lithographing company and demands \$25,000 for alleged wrongful use by that company of the union label.

STORM KILLS 6 IN WISCONSIN

Scores Are Injured, Property Damaged Thousands of Dollars in Thursday's Blow.

Glenwood City, Wis., June 17.—Rapid progress was being made today in clearing away evidences of the tornado that swept through sections of four counties in western Wisconsin Thursday night, causing six deaths, injury to scores of persons and did hundreds of thousands monetary loss.

Additional reports early today did not change the total fatalities, although there still remained a few isolated districts that had not reported previously. The death list may be swelled, however, as several of the injured are in a critical condition.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 93; lowest last night, 65. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 9 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. 12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, .08 .84 .68. Wet bulb temp., .74 .70 .64. Relative humid., .50 .48 .51. River stage at 7 a. m., 4.4, a rise of 1 last 24 hours.

Sunset today 7.41 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow 4.27 a. m.

River Forecast.
The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next few days.

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

Washington, June 17.—Weather outlook for the week, beginning Monday, includes:
Region of the Great Lakes, upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Local showers, first part, generally fair thereafter; normal temperature.

FLIPINOS MAKE PLEA TO BE FREE

Mission Tells Harding Stable Government Is Established.

Washington, June 17.—President Harding today received the plea of the Philippines parliamentary mission for a grant of independence to the Filipino people and promised a reply setting forth the view of the executive next Thursday.

The president received the 29 members of the mission cordially and listened attentively and interestedly to presentation of the plea by Manuel L. Quezon, head of the mission and president of the Philippine senate.

Responding briefly to the presentation, Mr. Harding said it would be unfair to him and unjust to the Filipino people to make a reply without carefully considering the plea. Ultimate consideration of the matter of autonomy rested with congress, he said, adding that, however, need not deter him from outlining the views of the executive. This he said, he would do if the mission would call again at the White house next Thursday.

Washington, June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Establishment by the Filipinos of a stable government in the Philippines has maintained the mission of the United States government for the granting of independence to the islands, President Harding was told today in a formal statement presented by the Philippine parliamentary mission of which 29 members came here today to place before him the nationalist plea.

The statement, read to Mr. Harding by Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, reviewed the situation of the Philippines and reiterated their aspiration for national existence. It quoted from former President Wilson, as calling the attention of congress in 1919 in a message to establishment of a successful government in the Philippine islands, and reminding congress of its obligation to grant independence to the Filipinos.

Cite Wilson Statement.
The recommendation of former President Wilson, the statement continued, was made after the governor general of the Philippines had officially certified to congress and the president that a stable government had been established in the islands.

No American body or official, not even the Philippine mission, which was described as "unwarrantably severe and critical," in its report has denied the stability of the Philippine government, the mission declared.

Quoting the Wood-Forbes report that the Philippine government "has the respect and confidence of the Filipino people," the statement cited that "the courts of the first instances, mostly presided over by Filipinos ever since the establishment of Philippine autonomy have maintained the high standard, which in general compares favorably with the state courts of the Union."

The present mission, it was pointed out, represented all the insular political parties and was sent to Washington by the Philippine legislature to ask for complete and absolute independence of the Philippines.

Not Ingratitude.
"This desire is not born of ingratitude toward the United States," the statement sets forth, "nor does it show lack of appreciation of the risks and danger of international life. It is the logical outcome of more than twenty years of patient labors jointly undertaken by the Americans and the Filipinos. The Filipino people firmly believe that the time has come when this question should be settled once for all. Further delay in the fulfillment of America's pledge continued in the Jones law will only result in injury to the best interests of both peoples."

Any danger of foreign aggression against the Philippines, which may have been feared, the president was told, has been eliminated through the actions of the Washington conference.

MORRIS 'CHIRO' UNDER ARREST

Dr. William Mutera, Marked by Ku Klux Klan, Is Taken on Statutory Charge.

Morris, Ill., June 17.—Dr. William A. Mutera was arrested today by Sheriff James Mack, charged with a statutory offense on a complaint sworn out by Joseph Mack, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, came to Morris recently for the announced purpose of flogging Dr. Mutera because of his alleged attentions to a girl here.

Former Attorney-General Frierson Thinks Dry Laws Apply to American Vessels

BY GEORGE F. MILTON, JR., Consolidated Press Correspondent.
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Chattanooga, Tenn., June 17.—The sale of liquor on any American vessel is a violation of the prohibition act, in the view of W. L. Frierson of this city, who, as acting attorney general of the United States during the Wilson administration rendered the official opinion that the dry laws applied to vessels on the high seas. Not only is this so, Mr. Frierson said today, but all of the opinions of the courts up to and including the supreme court, uphold this view.

"The right of the United States government to punish offenses committed on the high seas always has been recognized," declared Mr. Frierson. "Any act of congress which has a general application as much in force on a vessel flying the American flag as it would be on American soil. Congress has exactly the same power to legislate and make particular acts crimes when done on American vessels on the high seas that it has to make such acts crimes in the district of Columbia where it has plenary powers of legislation."

Congress Has Power.
"Since the high seas are not within the territorial jurisdiction of any federal court congress has the power to designate the particular federal court which shall have jurisdiction of such offenses and this it has done in the past. The contention that the prohibition laws have no force on the high seas is based on the fact that congress has, by statute, enumerated certain crimes, such as murder, rape, robbery, theft, etc., which when committed on an American vessel shall be punishable in the federal courts."

"The argument is that such an enumeration shows an intent that other offenses shall not be punishable. The answer to this is that the offenses enumerated are such as are subject to state rather than federal legislation. They are offenses as to which congress has no power to enact legislation which will be effective at any place is subject to the jurisdiction of a state government. State laws against murder and similar offenses have no force beyond the borders of the state enacting them. Congress alone has any power to enact laws which will have any force on the high seas. It is necessary, therefore, that a federal law shall expressly make murder and similar offenses a crime when committed on the high seas or these offenses otherwise could not be punished in the federal court."

SMALL PUTS O. K. ON ROAD PLANS IN 16 COUNTIES

Letting of Bids to Imported Miners Are Guarded by Machine Guns.

Waukegan, Ill., June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor Small today approved plans and specifications for standard 18-foot hard surfaced roads in 16 counties in Illinois. Bids will be advertised for at once, and opened the first week in July.

With the letting of these contracts a total of 770 miles will have been contracted for construction this year, leaving 230 miles of the year's program to be approved. The governor also announced today that he would receive bids on 13.84 miles of heavy grading and 13.84 miles of new bridges for improvements to be let later.

The announcement followed several days' conference with Col. C. R. Miller, director of the department of public works and buildings, and Frank W. Sheet, superintendent of highways.

Mileage Locations.
The locations of the new mileage follow:

County	Miles
Cook	6.85
McLean	15.64
Winnebago	5.03
Woodford	3.14
Marion	7.59
Clinton	5.71
Macon	6.33
Green	3.86
Green	.33
Peoria	2.01
Peoria	2.86
Hamilton	4.52
Marshall	4.13
Franklin-Williamson	4.64
Williamson	1.80
Bond-Payette	.85
Macoupin	.32
Will	10.46

The stretch of 6.85 miles in Cook county makes a new entrance to Chicago which will shorten the Dixie highway into the business district.

BUSCH LAUDED BY DR. CRAFTS

Noted Reformer Praises Brewer for Stand on Dry Enforcement on U. S. Ships.

St. Louis, Mo., June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Adolphus Busch III, local brewer, was praised for his stand regarding enforcement of prohibition on shipping board vessels, and Chairman Lasker of the shipping board was denounced for allowing the sale of intoxicants on the ships outside the three-mile zone, in a statement by the Associated Press today by Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., superintendent of the International Reform bureau.

MINERS AND RAIL MEN TO HOLD MEET

Union Chiefs to Discuss Joint Strike Action Tuesday.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chiefs of the miners and rail unions agreed here today to hold a meeting next Tuesday night to discuss joint strike action.

This was announced here today following the arrival of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, at his conference with rail union heads now in session here.

Strike ballots to stationary firemen and others and instructions to general committees of signalmen to decide whether to take a strike vote will be in the mails by night, following the decision of the railroad labor board last night cutting wages of members of these unions.

2 ARMY FLYERS BURN TO DEATH

Louisville, Ky., June 17.—A lieutenant from the army aerial service and a sergeant from the photographic section were burned to death when their airplane fell near a crowd of spectators at a benefit air circus exhibition here this afternoon.

The fliers killed were Lieutenant Robert O. Hanley of the 7th photographic section, 88th squadron, and Sergeant Heyme of the same organization, both stationed at Camp Henry Knox, Kentucky.

BANDITS HOLD UP, ROB TRAIN

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17.—The Fairmont express on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, was held up near Webster, Pa., about 25 miles from here, at 10:40 o'clock this morning by two masked men who robbed the baggage car and escaped.

At the offices of the American Railway Express company it was stated that the company's loss would not exceed \$100.

U. S. NOT AT HAGUE

Washington June 17.—It was stated that the United States will have no official observer at The Hague conference on Russian affairs.

5 ARE KILLED IN ULSTER VILLAGE

Four Men, One Woman, Shot Dead. Two Men Wounded; Three Loyalists' Houses Burned.

Belfast, Ireland, June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Four men and one woman were shot dead and two men were wounded today in the vicinity of Bess Brook, known as County Armagh's model village. The houses of three loyalists were burned.

The affair is thought to have been in reprisal for the shooting of two men on Wednesday, one of whom lived in Bess Brook.

London, June 17.—The campaign of incendiarism in Belfast has become so alarming, says the Morning Post's correspondent, that when the Ulster parliament reassembles on Tuesday the northern government is likely to introduce legislation imposing the death penalty on persons convicted of setting fires.

The writer ascribes the burning to a plot to strangle the industrial life of Belfast by destroying manufacturing and business premises.

NEW ADVERTISING CLUBS' PRESIDENT



Lou Holland of Kansas City, Mo., is the new president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. Holland was elected at the ad men's convention in Milwaukee.

MANSLAUGHTER IS VERDICT IN GREEKS' CASE

Jury Agrees After Being Out For 24 Hours.

Quincy, Ill., June 17.—"Guilty of manslaughter" was the verdict returned by the jury late yesterday afternoon in the case of the 39 Greeks, charged with the murder of Edward Lashbrook, sheriff of Schuyler county, on April 28.

The jury was out just 24 hours. Twice it was sent back because of faulty verdicts, in two instances the jury seeking to fix the punishment under the verdict. The court called their attention to the instructions which contained various forms of verdicts for them to follow, according to their finding, but they did not seem to understand. Finally the judge called them in a third time and instructed them that if they found a verdict of murder, they must also fix the punishment, but if it was manslaughter the court would fix the penalty, and they then made a proper return. The verdict finds the entire 39 men guilty.

SUBSIDY TO GET PROMPT ACTION

Chairman Campbell Is Confident House Members Will Meet Demands of President.

BULLETIN.
Washington, June 17.—The administration's ship subsidy bill is not likely to be taken up by the house until the house is ready to send the tariff bill now before the senate, to conference, Chairman Campbell of the rules committee informed the Republican leaders today, after a talk with President Harding.

Washington, June 17.—Confidence that steps could be taken to meet the requisites of President Harding for prompt house consideration of the ship subsidy bill, which has been threatened with indefinite delay, was expressed by Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee, after a visit today to the White house.

Chairman Campbell, who was sent to the White house by the house rules and steering committee meeting in joint session, said he explained to Mr. Harding "the difficulties which are being encountered" but after hearing the president's views had expressed the hope that "with some delay" the matter can be straightened out satisfactorily.

He declined to say whether the delay would be material.

DR. RICHARDS, JOLIET, DIES

Physician Injured in Street Car Accident Succumbs in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Chicago, July 17.—Dr. William Richards of Joliet, Ill., who was injured in a street car accident last night, died at 1:10 p. m. today at St. Luke's hospital. Relatives have asked the coroner's office for permission to ship the body to Joliet, and this probably will be done as soon as the usual formalities of a coroner's verdict can be carried out.

GERMANY PAYS UP.
Paris, June 17.—Germany paid her regular monthly installment of 50,000,000 gold marks for reparation.

MAJORITY REPLIES TO CRITICISM

Charges Labor Members With Inciting Men to Strike.

Chicago, June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Majority members of the United States railroad labor board who yesterday ordered another slash from wages of the nation's railway workers, today, retaliated to criticisms of minority members of the board with the charge that the dissenting members presented "incendiary arguments in a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the employees to strike against the decisions of the board."

The minority, constituting these labor members, were accused of having some of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy in Russia.

Cut Is \$27,000,000.
Yesterday's decision, which lopped nearly \$27,000,000 from the wages of 325,000 railway clerks, signalmen and stationary firemen, brought total reductions effective July 1, under the board's orders, up to \$135,000,000.

Approximately 1,200,000 railway employees are affected by the orders. Accompanying yesterday's order carrying reductions ranging from 2 to 6 cents an hour was a long supporting opinion from the members representing the railroads and the public, and the dissenting opinion by the labor members condemning the order.

In their prompt rejoinder today the majority members said: "Impassioned Advocacy." "It is not incumbent upon the six members of the board concurring in this decision to follow the minority into a partisan controversy which partakes more of the characteristics of impassioned advocacy than of calm adjudication."

"We prefer to believe that these improprieties crept into that part of the document which westered, namely the employees in the headquarters of the railway department of Labor, and that they were overlooked by the dissenting members."

"There is one feature of the dissenting argument, however, which is so unbecomingly obvious that it should not be passed over without notice, and that is the portion wherein the two dissenting members advise the employees to strike against the decision of the board."

"One of the passages referred to is as follows: "Strike" Advice. "The transportation act aimed to substitute for the strike such just and reasonable wages as would render resort to a strike unnecessary. If this tribunal

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TARIFF TO STAY BEFORE SENATE

Republican Leaders Assure Harding Measure Will Hold First Place Until Passed.

Washington, June 17.—President Harding was assured by senate Republican leaders who called today at the White house that the tariff bill would be held before the senate until passed.

Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana, said he had been determined that the Republican senate conference, called for Monday, would vote to continue the tariff bill and against laying aside the measure to take up bonus legislation.

H. F. M'CORMICK HAS OPERATION; GETTING BETTER

Chicago, June 17.—Harold F. McCormick, former head of the International Harvester company, was reported to be getting along "very nicely" at Wesley Memorial hospital today following a minor operation there Thursday. He will be able to go home within a few days, it was said.

Mr. McCormick, who is 51 years old, recently declined reelection to the presidency of the Harvester company, but was elected chairman of a newly created executive committee. No mention of ill health was made at the time of his resignation as head of the company.

Dr. Victor D. Lespinasse was said to have performed the operation.